

# MAY 13, 2020, MEETING: SUMMARY OF MATERIALS

## BACKGROUND

Because the May 13, 2020, meeting of the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim will be held as a video conference with members attending remotely, this document is provided to summarize the materials members have received for May 13. The materials involve:

- the House Joint Resolution 48/49 study of child protective services;
- agency oversight activities; and
- items to be discussed during the committee's work session.

## HJR 48/49 MATERIALS

Most of the HJR 48/49 study materials were mailed in the March meeting packet and generally either follow up on previous presentations or update earlier statistics. Materials that were previously mailed consisted of:

- a summary highlighting the key points of an evaluation of the Pre-Hearing Conference pilot project. The committee heard about this pilot project in September and November.
- a memo from the Office of the Child and Family Ombudsman providing a geographic breakdown of the top three concerns voiced by people who have contacted the office. The committee requested that information after reviewing the office's annual report in January.
- statistics from DPHHS on the number of children entering and exiting care and the caseloads for each CPS region. A hard copy of the January statistics were in the March meeting packet, and the March statistics were sent electronically.
- a staff briefing paper entitled *Summary of Suggestions* that compiles the ideas presented to date during presentations or public comment on the study. This paper may help the committee members plan their next steps for the study. Suggestions are grouped into the following categories:
  - workforce changes;
  - system process changes;
  - DPHHS-related changes;

- judicial system changes;
- parent issues;
- training, education, and mentoring; and
- public involvement and transparency.

A fact sheet on the Kinship Navigator Program also was sent electronically for the presentation on the Family First Prevention Services Act.

## AGENCY OVERSIGHT MATERIALS

Committee members have received the following materials related to their agency oversight duties:

- **Administrative Rule Reports:** Two compilations cover rule activity that has occurred since January. One report was sent by mail and dated March 5, and the other was sent electronically and dated May 5.
- **Medical Marijuana Act: Chronic Pain Rates in Other States:** This briefing paper provides information requested by the committee in January about the number of medical marijuana cardholders in other states who have received their cards for chronic pain.
- **Quarterly Budget Report:** This Legislative Fiscal Division document provides an update on DPHHS budget activity. Josh Poulette will be available to answer questions on this report.

## WORK SESSION MATERIALS

The committee has received two documents for committee discussion and action during the work session:

- **HJR 32: Next Steps for the Study:** The committee will be deciding during the work session what action members need to take to wrap up the HJR 32 study of prenatal drug use. This document was sent only in electronic form and:
  - summarizes the work done to date on the study;
  - contains options for committee action; and
  - provides draft findings and recommendations for committee consideration.
- **Potential Committee Bill: Amending 39-12-103, MCA.** This document (on white paper with yellow highlights) was mailed to the committee in the March meeting packet. It illustrates a technical issue involving the statute for the Medicaid expansion workforce development program, known as HELP-Link. The technical issue could be cleaned up during the 2021 session.

Committee members will be asked whether they would like to introduce a committee bill to correct the statute. If so, a bill would be drafted for review and public comment at the next meeting.